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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gerhard HOPPEN  
Title: DUV-CAPABLE MICROSCOPE  
OBJECTIVE WITH PARFOCAL IR FOCUS  
Appl. No.: 09/598,406  
Appl. Filing Date: 06/21/2000  
Examiner: Audrey Chang  
Art Unit: 2872

**LETTER TO THE EXAMINER**  
**INTERVIEW REQUEST**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a formal interview with the Examiner prior to the issuance of any first office action in the RCE application being filed under separate cover. Applicant would like to discuss the Examiner's previous enablement rejection and the Rule 132 Declaration filed with the RCE.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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